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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

RESOLUTION

The 1st August, 2023

Subject: Extension of One lime Settlement (OTS) scheme for settlement of arrear water rate of Central/State Government units/organizations and private industrial, commercial & other establishments.

1. The State Cabinet in its 53rd meeting held on dated 27th December, 2022 had approved the Principle of One Time Settlement (OTS) of arrear water rate of Central/State Government units/organizations and private industrial, commercial & other establishments and subsequently a resolution was issued by the Department of Water Resources vide Resolution No. 3282—Irr-II-WRC-172/2022/WR. on dated the 6th February, 2023 and published vide Gazette Notification No. 358, dated the 8th February, 2023.

2. The Engineer-in-Chief, Planning & Design was the nodal agency for overseeing the whole OTS implementation process. The detailed operational guidelines were issued vide Letter No. 3357—WS/WT-PR-2/2020/WS., dated the 7th February, 2023.

3. Some industries, who had failed to apply within the prescribed timeline due to want of time, had approached Department of Water Resources for extension of the OTS scheme so as to enable them to take benefit of the Scheme.

4. The State Cabinet in their 62nd meeting held on dated 21st July, 2023 has approved extension of One Time Settlement (OTS) for outstanding water rate dues of Central/State Government Units/Organizations and Private Industrial and other Establishments as below-

- i. last date of receipt of application in the OTS Scheme is extended to 30th September, 2023.

- ii. The last date for settlement of the applications received in the OTS scheme is extended to 31st March, 2024.
- iii. The Engineer-in-Chief, Planning & Design shall continue as the nodal agency for overseeing the whole OTS implementation process. He shall issue detailed operational guidelines in this regard. Best efforts shall be made by him to conclude the settlement in all respect.

This Resolution shall come into force from the date of issue.

ORDER

Ordered that this Resolution be published in an Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

ANU GARG

Additional Chief Secretary to Government